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## A GOLDEN RULE OF THREE.

"Love all, trust few, do wrong to none."

Love all? Aye, ALL!

Not only them that love, but them that hate.  
No less will do, would you fulfil the great  
Commandment, test of heart regenerate  
In Christ. Love all.

Trust few--but FEW!

Not all who call you friend, are friends at heart.  
Fair courtesy is oft a useful art.  
"Many men are bad." Act thou a prudent part,  
And trust but few.

Do wrong to NONE!

"Bear and forbear"--a maxim good and grand.  
The bravest is who can himself command;  
Who, fearing sin, restrains his heart and hand.  
Do wrong to none.

**DANCING.**—A Grecian king by the name of Clisthenes, is said to have had a beautiful daughter, whom he designed to bestow upon the most accomplished young man in his kingdom. This announcement brought numerous suitors to his court, in order to show forth their various attainments, each hoping to win the prize. At length the king fixed upon one that he thought would be suitable. But before the final decision, the king made a great feast, and a large company assembled to witness the further exploits of the candidates for the hand of the lovely Aganista. When the time came for Hiphocleides, the young man whom the king had looked upon with favor, to exhibit his accomplishments, he called for music, and to the music he began to dance, and he continued to dance to his own satisfaction till he tired; then, after resting a short time, he called for a table, upon which he sprang, and danced upon it, and, to cap the climax, he finally stood upon his head, and girated his legs in the air! He then, amid the applause of the company, stood expectantly before the king. But the king dashed his hopes to the ground by simply remarking, "You have danced very well, young man, but I don't want a dancing son-in-law."

We knew a mother in Philadelphia who said that her daughter, a mere child, was so infatuated with dancing that she could not lie still when in bed, but frequently kept her limbs moving as if dancing.

In our late little squibs about dancing, they were not directed so much against the practice itself (but is there any good in it?) as it was to show what seemed to us to be the inconsistency of professors of religion. For, after all, strong arguments may be drawn from the Old Testament in favor of dancing—quite as strong as for a variety of musical instruments in a Christian church while ostensibly worshipping Almighty God. David was a musician, and also a dancer. A fiddle and dancing seem to go together as naturally as for water to run down hill. In the sixth chapter of 2 Samuel, on the occasion of bringing the ark into the city, it is stated that David, at the head of the procession, danced before the Lord with all his might, and Michal, the daughter of Saul, and David's wife, who is said to have loved him, and on one occasion saved his life by letting him down to the ground through a window, looked out, and saw David leaping and dancing, and she despised him in her heart. When he met her, she addressed him in the fol-

lowing sarcastic language: "How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows who shamelessly uncovereth himself!" To which David responded: "It was before the Lord, who chose me before thy father; . . . therefore will I play before the Lord; and I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in my own sight: and the maid-servants of which thou has spoken, of them shall I be held in honor." And it looks as if she never had anything more to do with him. He seems to have been scantily clad when thus dancing, being "girded with a linen ephod." Though this may be the only place where David is mentioned as dancing, no doubt he was an expert at it.

Miriam and her companions played on instruments, danced, and sang a grand triumphal song at the crossing of the red sea. — The daughters of Shiloh came out to dance, and queer results followed. — Jephtha's daughter met him with music and dancing on his return from battle. — When David returned from the battle-field, the women came forth to meet him with singing and dancing, exciting the jealousy and anger of Saul. — In the 49th Psalm, it is said, "Let them praise His name in the dance," etc. — In other places, mention is made of dancing being turned into mourning, and mourning into dancing. — "He heard music and dancing," Luke, chapter 19. — Job says, the wicked send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance; and they take the timbrel and the harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ; they spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. — The people danced before the molten calf that Aaron made, to the great disquietude of Moses. — "I will build thee up, and thou shalt go forth in dances," Jer. 31.

Now, we do not wish it to be understood that we favor or advocate dancing, but arguments may be drawn from the Bible in favor of almost anything, good or bad, and as much of the dancing mentioned above was considered of a religious character, how would do to introduce a little dancing in religious assemblies, as well as a multiplicity of instruments? Such a movement would be very "attractive" to the "dear young people," and the houses would be filled.

The pony ate the parson,—  
How came that to pass?  
The pony heard the parson say  
"All flesh was grass."

"It seems to me," said a mother to a young girl who was about to be married, "that your future husband is a little too exacting. He wants this, and that, and the other. I consider him a perfect nuisance." "Well, dear mamma, we can indulge him for once. Let him have his way now—you know 'twill be the last time."

That's a good story from West Virginia about an evangelist who went over the State painting upon rocks, "What Shall I Do to be Saved?" A patent medicine advertiser followed him, and under the question added this reply, "Use —'s Cure for Consumption." The text painter then went over the ground again and painted below the advertisement, "And prepare to meet thy God." The medicine man will find it hard to beat that.—Pittsburg Chron.-Tel.

Partiality in a parent is commonly unlucky, for fondlings are in danger to become fools, and children that are least cockered make the best and wisest men.

Jerusalem is believed to have been called by four different names—Jerusalem, Salem, Jebus, Zedek.

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HADDONFIELD, N. J., MAY 24, 1880.

Borough Commissioners meet in the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday evening in each month. Visitors admitted.

The ladies of the "Women's Exchange," Episcopal church, will hold an Exhibition of old relics and curiosities in one of Mr. Horter's houses on Centre st., on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29, for the benefit of the church building fund.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave a Strawberry Festival in Armory Hall, on Thursday and Friday evening of last week. There was an abundance of fine cakes, some of which were sold at auction at the close. The whole affair was a success, realizing about \$40 00.

Wm. S. Capern, and others, we understand, have purchased the Riley property, the buildings on which were burnt a few years ago, with the intention of dividing it up into building lots. It is a nice property, and a fine and extensive view of the surrounding country can be had from the top of the hill.

The Haddon Fire Co. has for its officers at present: Thos. Hill, pres.; Chas. R. Stevenson, vice pres.; Robert Bates, sec.; J. Morris Roberts, treas.; D. C. V. Collins, foreman. Trustees, Judge J. Clement. Chas. H. Fillman, S. A. Willits, J. Morris Roberts and Samuel Wood. It has 55 active and 89 contributing members.

It was announced from the pulpit last Sunday that the Sunday evening concerts at the Methodist church would be suspended for the summer, and that there had been many expressions of regret on this account; and that, surprising as it might seem, some of the strongest came from members of the Society of Friends. If real, solid Quakers, were meant, they must evidently be forsaking their long-cherished teachings respecting music.

We love music, from a jews-harp to an organ, under suitable circumstances, time and place, if it is tastefully and judiciously rendered; but mere noise and clatter we have no liking for. Instrumental music, in many cases, is desirable and enjoyable. Very sweet music can be produced by a piano or small organ, accompanied by a flute or violin; and we have been delighted with the performances of a lady on the organ, at the same time imitating the cornet with her lips so completely, that it would be difficult to convince the hearer, not knowing the facts, that there was not a bona fide cornet in use. But there is no music equal to a sweetly-gifted human voice, whether "scientifically" trained or not.

At an entertainment given in a city church, half an hour of overtures on the large organ, preliminary to the regular exercises, constituted a part. Now, if any one with a weak voice, was ever trying to hold a conversation in a clattering mill or factory, and it should suddenly stop, the relief experienced was similar to what it was to us when that organ stopped its clatter. We could not have endured it much longer. To us, there was no music in it—simply a succession of ear-piercing sounds.

We took a little excursion a few days ago up as far as Doylestown in Pennsylvania. The grain crops in that neighborhood, and along the road, were all looking remarkably well. The corn, potatoes and potato bugs were all coming up, and the bugs were happy. But it is estimated in some cases, where the potato plants were backward in making their appearance, the bugs on the watch became despondent, and were crying about it, the big tears rolling down their antennæ. We do not vouch for the latter part of the story.

We have had an addition to our household recently in the shape of three "dear" little felines. If they were in Dakota, they might be of some value, as it is said three dollars a-piece are paid for cats there, to destroy swarms of mice that infest their corn-bins. Several car-loads have been sent them. We can spare at least two.

Whilst John Clement and family, of Haddonfield, were out riding one day last week, as we learn, they collided with another carriage, which was occupied by George Field and another man, on the Haddonfield and Camden turnpike. Mr. C.'s horses broke loose from the carriage and ran away, but were soon captured. Mr. Field was somewhat seriously hurt, whilst all the others escaped with a shaking up and some bruises.

Jehu Wood also met an accident by the upsetting of his wagon, but escaped with some bruises and scratches.

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In the absence of Rev. Mr. Greismer, the pulpit of the Baptist church was filled last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Glover. Judge John Clement, of Haddonfield, has been elected President of the Board of Proprietors of West Jersey.

The Haddon Fire Company announces an Excursion to Atlantic City on the 1st day of August next.

Henry Bishop and family, late of Kirkwood, have taken up their residence in Haddonfield.

A hotel-keeper has been elected a member of a School Board in Philadelphia. What about "compatibility?"

A lad, only 12 years old, died in Rockland, Me., 23d ult., from cigarette smoking, affecting brain and nerves.

A newspaper man in Providence, R. I., announces the suspension of his paper, saying he finds it too expensive as an amusement, and unprofitable as an investment.

Wm. Roy, of Collingswood, who is alleged to have committed a robbery at a farm house in Bucks county, Pa., was arrested last week, having been traced to Collingswood, taken to Philadelphia, thence to Doylestown.

June 9 will be what is called Children's Day, in the churches.

June 18 will be a great day in Pennsylvania—Voting on Prohibition.

The funeral at the Presbyterians church, on Tuesday afternoon last, was that of a niece of Saml. Wilkins—Miss Annie Fuller.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. Williams, senior, is still confined to his room from illness.

It is reported that there is 1200 vacant Presbyterian pulpits in this country. Most of them are small, weak churches, 200 having a membership of less than 25 each; and, of course, can't pay good salaries.

On Sunday, May 12, at the Fair grounds in Houston, Texas, a man went up in a balloon, and, when 300 feet high, attempted to descend by means of a parachute, lost his grip, fell, and was instantly killed.

Two men in Iowa, got drunk recently, and one laid down on a rail road track, and was killed, and the other on his way home, drove off a bridge and broke his neck. They were defying the Prohibition law.

**DIED**--On the 14th inst., JOSEPH C. SHIVERS, aged 80. Buried from the residence of his son, Dr. B. H. Shivers, of Haddonfield.